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PROGRAM FOR IMAGE DATA	)	
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IMAGE PROCESSING	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application and is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006 (Paper No. 20061005). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: